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FOR OBEE FROM FISCHER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION

1. CAN YOU TELL ME CURRENT STATUS OF EXPEDITION
FINANCES, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER ALL TEN CHECKS I DEPOSITED
WITH CHENEY HAVE BEEN CASHED?

2. I HAVE DISCOVERED AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY THAT EXPEDITION
DEPOSIT OF \$10,000 DID NOT REACH MY ACCOUNT JULY 23 AND
AS RESULT, ACCOUNT IS SHORT. I HAVE COVERED \$5000 WITH
PERSONAL FUNDS BUT AM RELUCTANT TO ADVANCE ADDITIONAL
\$5000. CAN EXPEDITION SUPPLY NAME OF PERSON WHO IS ABLE
AND WILLING TO ADVANCE NECESSARY \$10,000? CBS, AFTER
SOME PRODDING, GAVE ME \$10,000 AS THEY HAD PROMISED IN
EARLY AUGUST BUT MONEY NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVED UNTIL SEP-
TEMBER 17.

3. AM UNABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY DEPOSIT NOT RECEIVED, BUT
MY RECORDS IN KATHMANDU INDICATE EXPEDITION WAS TO HAVE
DEPOSITED TOTAL OF \$34,000 DURING LAST PART OF JULY IN
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MY ACCOUNT, AGAINST WHICH FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPENDED.

I HESITATE TO BOTHER PHIL OR DAN AT THIS POINT, BUT I DO
WANT TO ALERT THEM TO FACT THAT MONEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO
GET THEM TO LUKLA AND KATHMANDU.

4. WHAT IS TOTAL CBS CONTRIBUTION SUPPOSED TO HAVE
BEEN TO DATE? MY HAZY RECOLLECTION IS THAT CBS WAS TO
HAVE KICKED IN \$20,000. IF SO THIS EXPLAINS MISSING
FUNDS. ROBINSON

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